

*To the Honorable,*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

The Managers appointed under the provisions of the Act of December session 1832, entitled, "An Act relating to the people of color of this State" respectfully submit their annual report.

The several reports which have been heretofore made, have fully explained to the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State, the course which the Managers had, by the most careful deliberation, and by the experience gained during the first year of their appointment, been led to adopt. It has been shown that they had become satisfied that they could best carry into effect the wise and benevolent designs of the Legislature, by promoting the successful establishment upon the coast of Africa, of an independent colony, under the auspices and government of the "Maryland State Colonization Society," a body from among the members of which the State Managers are required to be selected, by the terms of the act under which they hold their appointment. The events of every successive year have confirmed their conviction of the propriety of the course they have pursued. The settlement at Cape Palmas is now thriving and prosperous, and already offers to the free colored population of Maryland a home to which they may fearlessly repair, in the confidence that the same exertions which are required here to gain for them the means of existence, will there establish them in comfort and happiness, the citizens of a growing and prosperous community.

The fifth annual report of the Managers of the State Colonization Society, a copy of which is herewith submitted will show the very promising condition of the Colony at Maryland in Liberia, and will also explain the operations of that Board during the past year. The State Managers, having, as before stated, availed themselves of the agency of the State Society in the fitting out and